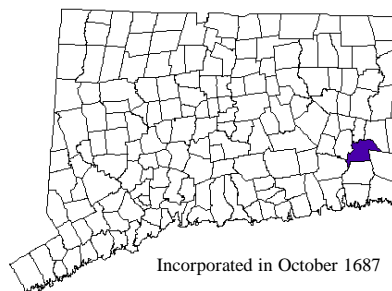


Preston

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Belongs to
New London County
New London Labor Market Area
Southeast Economic Development Region
Southeastern Connecticut Planning Area



Incorporated in October 1687

Demographics

<i>Population</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (1990)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	5,006	254,957	3,287,116	White	4,831	234,274	2,859,353
1995	5,340	254,890	3,289,090	Black	104	12,123	274,269
2000	5,780	255,630	3,316,120	Asian Pacific	46	3,389	50,698
2005	6,540	261,050	3,364,080	Native American	13	1,338	6,654
				Other	12	3,833	96,142
'95-'05 Growth	22.5%	2.4%	2.3%	Hispanic origin (may be of any race)	93	8,455	213,116
Land Area	30.9	666.1	4,845.4				
Population per square mile	172.8	382.7	678.8	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Households	1,626	91,438	1,237,000	Persons age 25 or older		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
				High school graduate		1,194	648,366
				Some College		973	495,696
				Bachelors or more		656	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1995)</i>							
	0-4	5-14	15-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Total
Male	6%	13%	24%	26%	18%	13%	2,717
Female	6%	14%	23%	24%	18%	15%	2,623
State Total	7%	13%	27%	24%	14%	14%	3,289,090

Economics

<i>Number of Establishments (1995)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Top Ten Assessments (1994)</i>	
Manufacturing	< 3	305	6,068	1. CT Light & Power	\$5,441,544
Services	18	2,655	39,011	2. Mashantucket Pequot Tribe	1,189,090
Trade - Retail	17	1,849	20,251	3. Biber Hyman	1,036,719
Trade - Wholesale	4	418	9,858	4. Gaffney Brian J & Arute Jack Jr.	681,240
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	< 3	519	8,809	5. Davis, Ruth	579,320
Total Establishments	85	7,390	104,409	6. Biber, Joseph	570,946
Per Capita Income	\$27,550	\$26,129	\$30,303	7. Fleming Paul A. & Margaret	564,550
Retail Sales (thousands)	\$10,718	\$27,231,413		8. Hollowell Brook Estates	460,320
				9. Castle & Company	454,110
				10. Migliaccio William & Margaret	431,320
				As % of Grand List	4.7

Education

Grade organization (number of schools): K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 (at Norwich Free Academy)

1994-1995 School Year

Total students	512
Total expenditures per pupil	\$8,569
Average teacher's salary	\$48,204
Students attending public school	93.4 %
Students in extended day kindergarten	53
Graduates attending four year college	49.9 %

Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal

	Grade 4	Grade 6	Grade 8
Reading	43.8	59.3	68.6
Math	67.3	57.4	62.7
Writing	51.1	23.1	11.8

Average Class Size

Kindergarten	13.3	Grade 5	19.0	High School	22.1
Grade 2	18.3	Grade 7	20.6		

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Government

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1993-1994		Total Expenditures	\$7,342,045	Equalized Grand List	\$241,305,012
Total revenue	\$7,184,874	Education	\$5,464,004	Per capita	\$48,232
Tax revenue	\$3,197,251	Other	\$1,878,041	As % of state average	61.6
Non-tax revenue	\$3,987,623	Total Indebtness	\$1,294,677	Date of last revaluation	10/1/87
Intergovernmental	49.7%	As % of expenditures	17.6	Moody's Bond Rating	A
Per capita tax	\$639	Per capita	\$259	Actual mill rate	17.50
As % of state average	32.0	As % of state average	13.4	Equalized mill rate	13.04
		Annual Debt Service	\$1,050,433	Voting districts	1
		As % of expenditures	14.3		

Housing

1994							
<i>Housing Stock</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Sales Price Distribution</i>			
Existing Units (total)	1,755	107,674	1,351,825	Number of Sales	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
% Single unit detached	89.6	65.8	62.4	Less than \$75,000	8	1,165	11,328
New Permits Authorized (total)	25	1,126	9,439	\$75,001-\$150,000	20	1,699	19,828
% Single unit detached	100.0	70.0	80.6	\$150,001-\$250,000	11	609	11,132
As % of Existing Units	1.4	1.0	0.7	\$250,001-\$400,000	2	151	4,662
				\$400,001 or more	3	55	3,137
<i>Residential Sales</i>							
Number	44	3,679	50,087				
Average price	\$219,918	\$116,050	\$171,382				
Median price	\$128,192	\$103,000	\$126,000				

Labor Force

1994	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	2,917	129,725	1,726,000	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents	Commuting to	
Employed	2,807	122,890	1,630,000	1. Preston	389	Norwich	674
Unemployed	110	6,835	96,000	2. Norwich	360	Groton	517
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	5.3%	5.6%	3. Griswold	91	Preston	389
				4. Montville	85	New London	161
Total Employment	1,510	115,610	1,538,980	5. Waterford	83	Montville	130
Manufacturing	10	24,310	270,250	6. Groton	67	Ledyard	81
				7. Lisbon	45	Waterford	74
				8. Colchester	44	Stonington	57
				9. Ledyard	42	Rhode Island	30
				10. Stonington	32	Killingly	27

Quality of Life

1995	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Library (1993-1994)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Residential Utilities (1995)</i>		
Miles to State Capitol	44		Total books and serials	13,928	Electric Company		
Visitor Attractions	0	488	Weekly hours open	36	CT Light and Power		
Banks	0	1,188	Circulation per capita	3.0	Typical basic rate		
Lodging	2	467	Crime rate (1994)		\$9.00 + 10.599c/kwh		
Number of units	9	26,540	per 1,000 residents	9.8	Typical heat rate		
Day Care Facilities	3	1,669	Hospitals in county (1995)	2	\$10.50 + 9.648c/kwh		
			Total beds	563	Gas Company		
					No Natural Gas Service		
					Typical rate		
							N/A